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William C. Corbett, Treasurer Mike Crape for U.S. Senate P.O. Box 1948 Boise, ID 83701

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Dear Mr. Corbett:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

-Schedule A of your report discloses one or more contributions which appear to exceed the limits set forth in the Act (see attached). You should examine all of your contributions to check for additional excessive contributions. The Committee's procedures for processing contributions should also be reviewed.

An individual or a political committee other than a qualified multicandidate committee may not make a contribution to a candidate for federal office in excess of \$1,000 per election. A qualified multicandidate committee and all affiliated committees may not make a contribution(s) to a candidate for federal office in excess of \$5,000 per election. The term "contribution" includes any gift, subscription, loan, advance, or deposit of money or anything of value made by any person for the purpose of influencing any election for federal office. (2 U.S.C. §441a(a) and (f); 11 CFR §110.1(b), (e) and (k))

If any apparently excessive contribution in question was incompletely or incorrectly, disclosed, you must amend your original report with the clarifying information.

If any contribution you received exceeds the limits, you may have to refund the excessive amount. The funds can be retained within sixty (60) days of receipt if, (1) the excessive amount was properly reattributed to another person, such as a joint account holder, by obtaining signed written authorizations from each person making the contribution pursuant to 11 CFR 110.1(k)(3), and (2) the treasurer informs the person making the contribution that he or she may request the return of the excessive portion of the contribution if it is not intended to be a joint contribution. Any request from a donor for a refund must be honored.

Alternatively, the funds can be retained if within sixty (60) days of receipt, the excessive amount was properly designated for a different election, by obtaining signed written authorization from the contributor(s) pursuant to 11 CFR §110.1(b)(5) or §110.2(b)(5). Any request from a donor for a refund must be honored.

If the foregoing conditions for reattributions or redesignations were not met within 60 days of receipt, the excessive amount must be refunded. See 11 CFR §103.3(b)(1).

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide a photocopy of your check for any refund and/ or any photocopies of letters reattributing or redesignating the contributions in question. Refunds are reported on Line 20 of the Detailed Summary Page and on a supporting Schedule B of the report covering the period in which they are made. Redesignations and reattributions are reported as memo entries on Schedule A of the report covering the period in which the authorization for the redesignation and/or reattribution is received. (1) CFR §104.8(d)(2), (3) and (4))

The acceptance of excessive contributions is a serious problem. Again, the committee's procedures for processing contributions should be examined and corrected in order to avoid this problem. Although the Commission may take further legal action, prompt action by you to refund or seek redesignation and/or reattribution of the excessive amount will be taken into consideration.

-Your report includes computer produced formats of Schedule A. Computer produced formats may only be used upon prior approval of the

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Commission! You must submit a separate sample format with a cover letter requesting approval. Your sample formats must include a copy of each applicable Schedule (including imputed data) in order to be reviewed for approval. 11 CFR §104.2(d))

A response for an amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above problem(s) should be filed with the Senate Public Records Office within fifteen (15) days of the date of this letter. Please contact the Senate Public Records Office at (202) 224-0322 for instructions on how and where to file an amendment. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division). My local number is (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,

Pat Sheppard

Assistant Branch Chief Reports Analysis Division

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## EXCESSIVE CONTRIBUTIONS ON THE 2001 YEAR-END REPORT

P = Primary Election G = General Election

CONTRIBUTOR NAME		DATE	AMOUNT_	ELECTION
BETTIS	HARRY	8/9/01	2000	P
GERARD	JACK	10/10/00	1000	Р
GERARD	JACK	11/15/01	1000	Р
PACKWOOD	1 B	11/30/98	250	Р
PACKWOOD	JB	9/3/01	1000	Р
SIGAL	JILL	10/10/00	1000	Р
SIGAL	JUL L TTEE	9/3/01	500	<u>P</u>
SMITH	GARYT	10/10/00	500	P
SMITH	GARY T	11/15/01	1000	₽

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